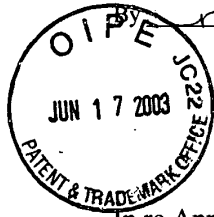


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In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3641
JOSEPH H. BARTOZZI ET AL.) Examiner: Thomson, Michelle
Serial No.: 09/998,814)
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003, reconsideration of the present application is requested in light of the following. The Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of term, attached hereto, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), thereby extending the term for response to and including June 26, 2003.

Kindly note, the present Amendment is being submitted in the new, revised format.¹

¹ See flyer entitled *Revised Notice* AMENDMENTS MAY NOW BE SUBMITTED IN REVISED FORMAT*, dated February 13, 2003.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Total Claims	21	Minus	21	x	\$18.00 =	\$ -0-
Independent Claims	8	Minus	8	x	\$84.00 =	\$ -0-
Total Additional Fee for This Amendment-----						\$ -0-

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2622. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: June 17, 2003

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